

FY 2006 RANKING CRITERIA WORKSHEET- GRAZING LANDS

RATON FIELD OFFICE

Applicant: _____ Farm No. _____ Tract No. _____ CMS Field No's. _____ Date: _____

Tribal Land _____ Non-Tribal Land _____ Preliminary Rating _____ Final Rating _____

1. Plants - 100_ Potential Points (40% of Total)

Note: Instructions on separate sheet		% Area in Contract Before Treatment	% Area in Contract After Treatment.	Potential Points	Bench-mark Points	After Points
Rangelands:	SI of 76-1 00 w/trend up or not apparent	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%		
Ecological	SI of 51-75 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%		
Site	SI of 51-75 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%		
Similarity	SI of 26-50 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%		
Index	SI of 26-50 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%		
(SI)*	SI of 0-25 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%		
	SI of 0-25 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%		
Riparian:	Use Attachment 1, 2, or 3	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____	%	
Grazed Forest:	NA	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____	%	
1. Plants		Total	100%	Total	100%	Total:

2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 120 Potential Points (48% of Total)

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the conservation plan of operations must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans. Select resource concerns from NM Quality Criteria Guide.	Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	After Points
Practices that address the following resource concerns:			
SOIL EROSION (Classic Gully)			
Grade Stabilization (410) or Diversion (362)	10		
SOIL EROSION (Sheet and Rill); Water (inefficient use); Plants (Productivity, Health & Vigor); Animals (Domestic-Inadequate quantity and quality of feed & water)			
Water Development/Fence implementing improved grazing management			
Well (642), Water storage (614), pipeline (516), pond (378), Fence (382).			
Fence or water developments for: 1 Pasture	10		
2 pastures	20		
3 Pastures	30		
4 Pastures	40		
5 or more Pastures	50		
Brush Management (314) (Note: % area treated vs area needing treatment X 40 points)	40		
Windbreak Establishment (9380), Rangeland planting (550)	10		
ANIMALS-FISH AND WILDLIFE (Plant community fragmentation)			
Pest Management (595) (Listed introduced species controlled)	10		
2. Conservation Practice Selection	Total:		

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3. Other Considerations - _30 Potential Points (12% of Total)

Items A thru D are required. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to <u>recommend</u> based on LWG advice, please include them as item E.	Potential Points	Bench-mark Points	After Points
A. At risk species habitat will be enhanced. (mule deer or listed threatened or endangered spp.)		5	
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.		5	
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or planned sec. 309 project.		5	
D. The land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed.		5	
E. Proposed contracted area will be treated to eradicate the listed Class A Introduced Noxious Weeds		10	
3. Other Considerations	Total:		

Total Points (After minus Benchmark): Section 1_____ Section 2_____ Section 3_____ Total for Worksheet _____*

***A minimum of _____ total points is required to be considered for contract selection.**

Designated Conservationist

Date

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